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Dear Errol,

Good to talk to you last night. Enclosed is some of the stuff as promised.

The book dealing with people as pets, etc., is DOMINANCE AND AFFECTION: THE MAKING OF PETS by Yi-Fu Tuan (Yale University Press--I mistakenly said U. of Chicago Press on the phone to you-- 1984). Couple of other recent books re the same subject include BETWEEN PETS AND PEOPLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL COMPANIONSHIP by Alen Beck and Aaron Katcher, and PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE by Bruce Fogle. Particularly important is Aaron H. Katcher and Alan M. Beck's (edited) NEW PERSPECTIVES ON OUR LIVES WITH COMPANION ANIMALS (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983).

If you get into this area further, I have a great deal of stuff in this zone ranging from bestiality to purported psychic and talking pets.

A project on the back burner has been a book on exotic organizations people belong to. You'd be amazed the sorts of clubs that are out there. I particularly like The Jim Smith Society (made up of people all called Jim Smith), the International Chinese Snuff Box Association, the Fairy Investigation Society, the Society of Dirty Old Men, and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. I also particularly like the Descendents of the Illegitimate Sons and Daughters of Kings of Britain and the Millard Fillmore National Society. I would think an interesting film could be made on any or all of these. It would also be fun to do a film on one of the wilder religious groups like the church (with about2000 members!) that worships John F. Kennedy as the messiah. Hard to believe some of the stuff that is out there.

Another topic of some special interest to me is groups set up for fantasy play, ranging from people who play elaborate board games by mail to role playing gamesters to sex clubs that are really mainly for fantasy (such the the sado-masochist clubs Gini Scott has written about in her remarkable book DOMINANT WOMEN, SUBMISSIVE MEN). I would think a film of this sort of thing would be particularly interesting.

Hope you enjoy the enclosed, and do stay in touch.

Cordially,

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